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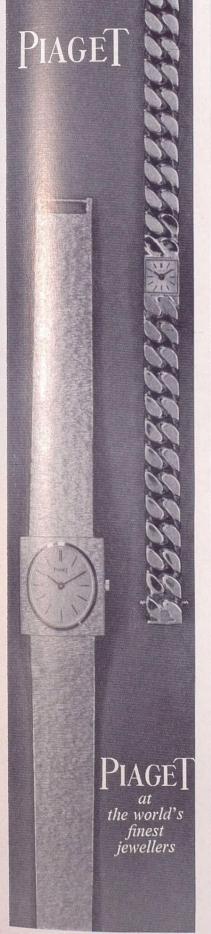
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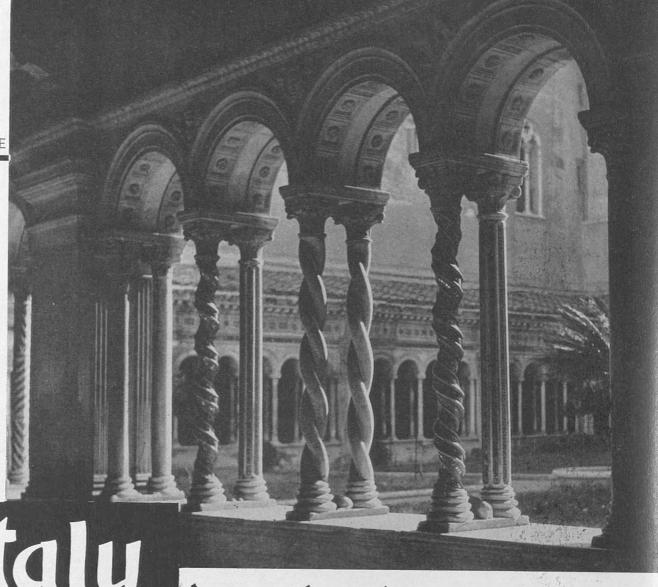


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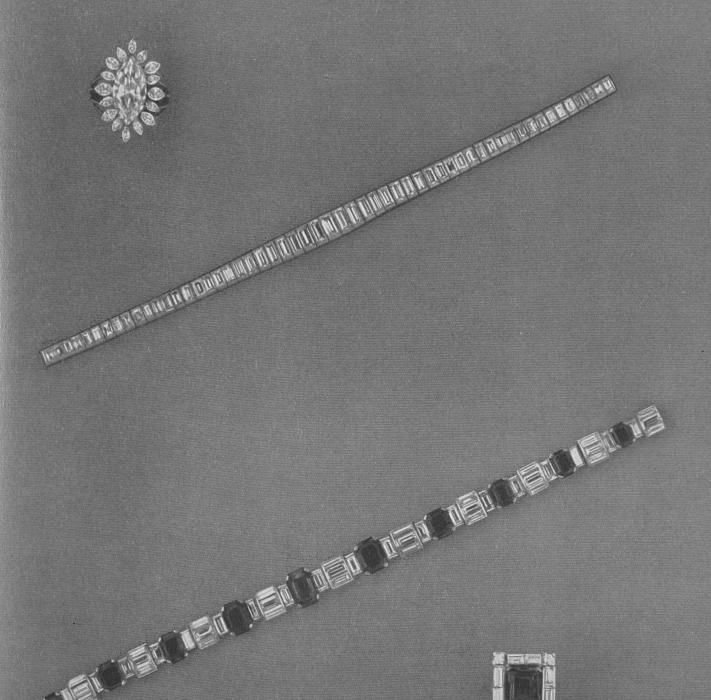
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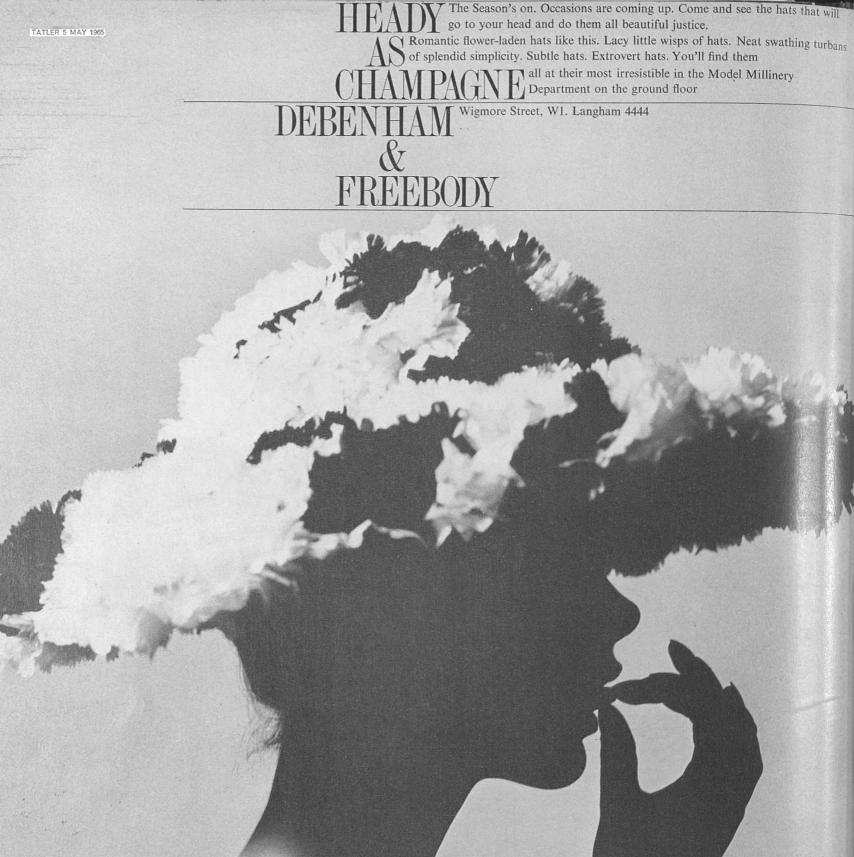


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Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. Burlington House, to 15 / ugust.

Roya Dublin Show, Balls-bridge to 8 May.

Spring Antiques Fair, Chelsea Town Hall, to 15 May.

Pied Tiper Ball, Hyde Park Hotel 5 May, in aid of the N.S.F. A.C. (Details, LAN 8812.) Christian Dior London Boutine show in aid of the Royal College of Nursing, Deers Park, Corby, Northants, 6 May. (Tickets, 3 gns., LAN 5965.)

Hursley Hunt Ball, Lockerley Hall, near Romsey, 7 May.

Royal Caledonian Ball, Grosvenor House, 10 May. (Tickets, \$4 inc. dinner, \$3 ball only, from Sir Simon Campbell-Orde, Grosvenor House, GRO 6363.) Silver Arrow Ball, Quaglino's, 11 May, in aid of Harrow Boys' Clubs. (Tickets, \$2 15s. inc. dinner, from Mrs. Darley, 66

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Dr. Barnardo's **Ball**, Savoy, 11 May. (Tickets, £3 10s., Details gro 3278.)

England Ball, Grosvenor House, 11 May. (Tickets, £3 3s., FRE 2769.)

Cygnets Ball, Claridge's, 11 May.

Royal Windsor Horse Show, 13-15 May.

Ski Club of Gt. Britain dinner-dance, Grosvenor House, 14 May. (Tickets, £2 10s., BEL 4711.)

Justice Ball, Savoy, 14 May. (Tickets, £3 3s., cen 9428.)

Wine & Cheese party, Upton House, Ledbury, Glos., in aid of the King George's Fund for Sailors, 15 May.

Glyndebourne Festival Opera, 16 May-15 August.

Annual social evening at the Fellows' Restaurant, Zoological Gardens, arranged by Ward 3, St. Marylebone Conservative Association, 28 May. Speakers: Mr. Quintin Hogg, M.P., and Miss Muriel Bowen. (Dinner tickets £2, from Mr. Ball, 42 Baker St., W.1.)

Point-to-Points: Old Surrey & Burstow, Edenbridge; Warwickshire, Lawsonford; Berkeley, Woodford; Isle of Wight; Minehead Harriers and W. Somerset, 8 May.

CRICKET

New Zealand v. Worcestershire, today; v. Lancashire (Old Trafford), 8 May; v. Glos. (Bristol), 12 May.

GOLF

Parliamentary Handicap, Walton Heath, 15 May.

MUSICAL

Covent Garden Opera. Il Tabarro, Suor Angelica, Gianni Schicchi, tonight (last perf.); Otello, 10, 13 May, 7 p.m.; Lucia di Lammermoor, 6, 8, 11 May; Billy Budd, 7, 12 May, 7.30 p.m. (cov 1066.)



Istvan Kertesz, 35-year-old Hungarian, takes his post as principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra in September. He is the seventh conductor to hold this appointment; the first was Richter, the last the late Pierre Monteux. He will conduct this year in Austria, at Bath and Swansea and makes his Promenade debut on 7 August

Royal Festival Hall. L.S.O., cond. Boult, with Segovia (guitar), 8 p.m., tonight; L.S.O. cond. Rozhdestvensky, 8 p.m., 6 May; L.P.O., cond. Boult, 8 p.m., 7 May; Ernest Read Orchestral Concert for Children, New Philharmonia, cond. Read, 11 a.m., 8 May; Jazz from Kansas City, 6.15 & 9 p.m., 8 May; Idil Biret (piano), 3 p.m., 9 May; L.S.O., cond. Maazel, 7.30 p.m., 9 May; Colour film, An Evening With the Royal Ballet, 7.30 p.m., 10 May; L.S.O., cond. Maazel, 8 p.m., 11 May. (WAT 3191.)

Sadler's Wells Opera. The Makropulos Case, tonight, 8 May (last perfs.); Peter Grimes, 6, 12 May (last perfs.); Iolanthe, 7 May; Rake's Progress, 11 May. 7.30 p.m. (TER 1672/3.)

Wigmore Hall. Kirckman Concert Society. Hazel Schmid (soprano), Alasdair Graham (piano), 7.30 p.m., 12 May. (WEL 2141.)

Poetry reading, by Dame Sybil Thorndike and Barbara Jefford, Kenwood, 7.30 p.m., 9 May. (WAT 5000, Ext. 8060.)

SON ET LUMIERE

Southwark Cathedral, tonight to 11 September.

FIRST NIGHTS

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Touring is rewarding because of the great variety of landscape. Mediterranean lushness is laced by a Celtic austerity in the country just north of Lisbon; and then the Minho offers its own charm of rivers and heathland and fat little farmsteads. The barren grandeur of the Tras os Montes region contrasts with the flat ripple of cornfields and cork forests in

the central Alentago plains, and with the classic green serenity of Algarve. Coupled with the baroque architecture of the north and the sugar-dredged whiteness of the Moorish south, the eye is positively and almost constantly pleased. Difficulties with language communication (for I have made myself more easily understood in the wilds of Greece) mount to a climax of frustration in country restaurants, but the food is a great deal better than its reputation. Finally, there are few places left in Europe where one may stay in comfort for 25s. a night, or drink wine at 3d. a glass, as you may in any country café. By Portuguese law, the vinho do mesa of wine of the house is served free, in huge china pitchers, with meals: a hospitable gesture of which the visitor should take full advantage.

Perhaps it is because Portugal is tucked away in her own

Europe's main highways, that her people are among the most passive, and have been the slowest to progress. Providing one is able to get a bed at all. this is much to the visitor's advantage. Had the government been primarily concerned with the huge potential of foreign currency, they would have built large, businesslike hotels rather than the charming, indigenously furnished pousadas, many of which have only a dozen rooms. Such is their desirability that a stay at any one is limited to five days.

Among the most attractive examples of fortified hill towns are Obidos (on the coast road just north of Lisbon), Valença (on the Rio Minho, directly across the border from Spain), and, in the mid-south, Evora. There are pousadas in all three, and they each make CONTINUED ON PAGE 244



Women carrying sand on the Lisbon coast

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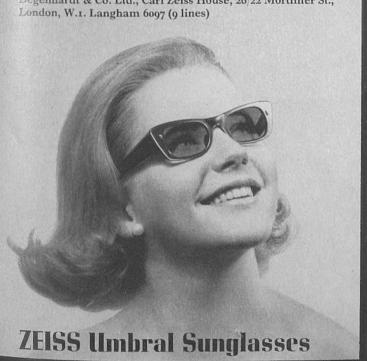
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Continued from page 242 good staging points for the surrounding countryside.

From Obidos, you have within easy reach two of the most stupendous churches in Portugal, dwarfing the tiny towns which have grown up around them. At Batalha, John I and Philippa of Lancaster (daughter of John of Gaunt and mother of Prince Henry the Navigator) lie supported by pale golden lions. At Alcobaca, the tombs of the romantic Pedro and Inez are so placed that they will face one another on some triumphant Day of Judgement. For the rest, Alcobaça is a pretty little town festooned with ceramics and ripely scented by orchards full of peaches. Close by, the Estalagem (inn) at Aljubarotta has a few bedrooms and reasonable food, but its great glory is its gardens and the view, high on the saddle of the hill, over the country that rolls toward the sea at Nazaré.

Coimbra, just north of Obidos, is one of the oldest towns in Portugal and seat of its university. Its gentle, harmonious complex of baroque buildings that house the library and the halls must be among the most beautiful of their kind in the world. The pastry shops that line the narrow downtown streets are full of students in their black copas. Coimbra is a city of great charm, but it is

perhaps better to spend the night at the Palace Hotel at Buçaco, about 30 kilometres inland. Set in splendid pine woods, it was built at the end of the last century as a royal summer château. A monument on the estate commemorates the battle of 1810, when Wellington drove back the French army on its march toward the sea, and stemmed the tide of Napoleonic victories.

Lovers of baronial living might equally enjoy the Urgerica Hotel at Canas de Senhorim, still farther inland on the river Mondego: it could make a convenient stop on the southward run, having left Valença (whose district I described in some detail on 14 April) behind you. The mansion from which it was converted contains a number of museum pieces, some copies, some genuine. It is rather an Anglo-American enclave and one might want to hasten on to something simpler and more typical, but that is a matter of taste.

Evora is certainly a place to see (an early Gothic cathedral, a museum of sacred art and a Roman temple) but it is also one in which to imbibe a very particular Portuguese atmosphere. The cafés extend into great caverns from their modest glass frontages, and even when full they are almost silent except for the sibilant

hiss, like the sound of softly deflating tyres, which summons the waiters. Portuguese poverty is not of the lusty peasant kind to be found in the rest of the Iberian peninsula; rather, it has a certain melancholy refinement. Men (for it is men only, in the cafés) are all dressed in dark suits and ties. often with hats, often with wolfskin collars against the cold in winter. A newspaper or a game of backgammon claims their only attention, or they stare silently into space. Bigger and better than the pousada at Evora is the one at Serpa, just over an hour's drive farther south. The bedrooms are charming, but the food understandably causes people to go some miles out of their way; a great local delicacy is fresh grilled eel (eiroz).

Serpes takes you within two and a-half hours' drive of the south coast at Monte Gordo, of which I wrote last week. A good main road runs back to Lisbon from Lagos, about five hours' drive via Santiago do Cacem to Setubal. This rocky, pinewooded peninsula is one or the most attractive resort areas in the country. At Sesimbra, a salty, lively fishing port, you watch them land the afternoon catch of swordfish which line the quayside with ribbons of silver. The Hotel do Mar is new, very pretty, and costs £2 10s. for a double room.





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Giulietta-Romeo Restaurant, 11 Sutton Row, Soho Square (N.E. corner). Luncheon 12 noon-3 p.m., dinner 6 p.m.-12 midnight. (REG 4914.) New and different. Recently opened Italian restaurants in London tend to follow a set pattern of décor. This one does not, for it is a replica of Giulietta's house in Verona. The elegance of the 16th century has been captured, with an internal balcony with fine carving on the balustrade, and an arcade running round two sides of the restaurant, with a copy of the original garden well in the centre. The efficient and courteous waiters are in 16th-century dress and the furniture and plate matches the décor. My avocado pear was in admirable condition, the Pollastrino Alla Diavola first rate, the petit pois the best I had had for a long time. An orange, marinated in syrup and brandy, with well-made coffee, rounded off an enjoyable meal. The Italian house wine. 7s. for a generous half-carafe, is good value for money, and there are several sound Italian wines on the list at under £1 per bottle. In short, a pleasant place to take a party or the especial object of your affections. Allow about 30s. per head including wine and coffee.

Guides to good food

Anyone in Britain in search of good food and comfortable hotels has no longer any cause to complain that they cannot get expert advice. While Raymond Postgate's Good Food Guide has a long-established reputation, and Egon Ronay's Guide to Hotels and Restaurants is recognized as reliable, and frank in its criticisms, the 1965 editions of both of them cover a wider field than ever before. Features of Mr. Ronay's guide—he is assisted in its compilation by five full-time and two part-time experts—are its classification of hotels and restaurants, London restaurants with a difference, and those open on Sundays and all night.

It is interesting, and disturbing, to discover that of the 902 hotels they investigated 363 were not good enough to recommend. Of the 1,824 eating places they looked at 984 were rejected. Even so the Guide contains 1,424 recommendations.

The Good Food Guide, now published in association with the Consumers' Association and Cassell, but still edited and compiled by Raymond Postgate, relies as hitherto for its basic information on reports of members of the Good Food Club. Though sometimes

in sharp disagreement over a particular restaurant, I have found it over the years sound and reliable. The 1965-66 edition includes a list of hotels and restaurants serving 10s. 6d. lunches. There are in all over 1,500 entries, and improved maps. For the first time I find cause to criticize the editing of the entries. A restaurant described as newly opened has in fact been going for nearly two years, and a London restaurant described as "rather small" has in fact seating for 80.

Both guides illustrate the occupational hazard of anyone who writes about restaurants in Britain, and one of which I myself am painfully awara; namely the restaurant apparently doing well that suddenly shuts its doors without warning. Two such restaurants are to be found in both guides, a they were in this column.

The prices of the guides a 18s. for the Good Food Guide and 17s. 6d. for Egon Ronay's 1935 Guide to Hotels and Restauran Both are good value for money

... and a reminder

Europa Hotel Restaurant, just off Grosvenor Square. (HYD 1237.) With a modern and restful decor there is good food at prices that are not excessive in a hotel of this quality.



The Lord Mayor, Sir James Miller (left), talking to Mr. R. Stevens, 17-year-old trainee from the Royal Huts Hotel, Hindhead, at the Mansion House. Mr. Stevens won first prize in the annual "Three Year Training of Cooks Scheme" and received his award from the Lord Mayor. With them are Capt. A. Goodinge, Master of the Worshipful Company of Cooks, and Mr. W. Goodinge, who was Master last year

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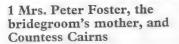


The bride's view of London

The terrace of the Carlton Tower Hotel puts the city at the feet of Lady Caroline Cadogan after her wedding at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, to Mr. Euan Foster. She is the youngest daughter of Earl Cadogan of Cadogan Square, London, and of Primrose Countess

Cadogan of Chobham, Surrey. He is the only son of Mr. Peter Foster, Q.C., and Mrs. Foster, of Cadogan Gardens, S.W.3. The bride was attended by one adult bridesmaid, Miss Anna O'Dwyer, and five children. More pictures by A. V. Swaebe overleaf.





- 2 Primrose Countess Cadogan, the bride's mother
- 3 Miss Sarah Mayhew
- 4 Lady Chesham
- 5 Mrs. John Loudon and Arabella Loudon who was one of the five child bridesmaids
- 6 Viscountess Chelsea and the Marchioness of Tavistock
- 7 Mrs. John Bardsley and Lady Daphne Bailey
- 8 Mrs. Clive Barford and Mrs. David Jarret, the bridegroom's married sisters









A sound of revelry and cheque books

by Muriel Bowen

Men who sit next to Lady Parker of Waddington at dinner are likely to find themselves unexpectedly but happily reaching for their cheque books. For Lady Parker, tiny and effervescent wife of the Lord Chief Justice, has a rare talent when it comes to raising money for her favourite project—the restoration of bombed St. John's, that beauty of a baroque church in Smith Square, Westminster.

Her shrewd sense of money fascinates her dinner companions. When the diocese of London asked £100,000 for the ruined Church it had scarcely reckoned on Lady Parker's gift for bargaining. She persuaded them to part with it for £50,000. In order to open St. John's as a cultural centre next year she needs £7,000 by July.

To help achieve this she takes over the Law Courts in the Strand on 18 June for the Waterloo Ball. The 1,500 guests are being asked to wear 18th- or 19th-century costume. Crockfords are providing a roulette room. There will be one-armed bandits, bingo, and

a supper well laced with champagne (the champagne has all been given Lady Parker as a present).

MAGNA CARTA TOO

What was the attitude of LORD GARDINER, the Lord Chancellor, and other dignitaries who had to give approval for what promises to be a rollicking evening in the Law Courts? "Why?" asks Lady Parker. "They're very with' the whole idea. With the 150th anniversary of Waterloo and the 750th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta they feel that we really have something to celebrate." Waterloo Ball tickets cost 5 gns. each inclusive of supper from Lady Parker of Waddington, c/o 51 Harrington Gardens, Kensington, S.W.7.

DIOR AT A CASTLE

Dior was everybody's darling in Warwickshire when the gorgeous Paris collection was shown at Warwick Castle. As a result St. John Ambulance Brigade's coffers are happily full.

BARONNE DE COURCEL, wife of the French Ambassador, came up from London for the show and looked marvellously chic in a pale pink dress and jacket encrusted with brilliant beads and jewels. There were so many women not simply well dressed but elegant. There was Mrs. Stanley Cayzer in white with a beaded top and glittering diamond necklace and earrings. Others who shone included the Hon. Mrs. Smith-Ryland, Mrs. Jack Starkey who wore a strikingly jewelled top from Japan with her long black skirt; and Mrs. Ian Henderson, pretty and Spanish-looking, who got mistaken for a Dior model by a photographer. ("Really made my evening, that did!")

STRATFORD PILGRIMAGE

A special word of praise is due to the 14-year-old St. John Ambulance cadets who gave the models a hand in climbing on to the catwalk. A skilful job this, as it was a Chiswick flyover type of catwalk, way up in the air. From rolling up the Aubussons (with a contraption like a tennis court roller) to the problems posed by the castle having only one operational loo, the putting on of the dress show at Warwick was a gigantic operation.

Miss Beryl Buckmaster did a Herculean job in helping to organize the show and generally rope in the money. For many years Master of the Warwickshire, she was a flier over those stout hedges and ditches ("I broke bones 28")

times at it").









It was a nostalgic evening for the EARL OF WARWICK and his Belgian wife. She was seeing the castle for the first time in all its glory, with the full glow of floodlights on the bastions and on the heights of Caesar's Tower. She drove under the famous arch which still has the holes that the defenders used to pour boiling oil on unwanted would-be guests. But she didn't stay the night. That would have cost her husband a packet in taxation.

PS. When Mr. Dior's Paris models were asked what they would like to do on their one free afternoon in England the answer came pat. They wanted to go to Stratford-on-Avon to shop at Marks & Spencers store there. They did just that.

ALONG CAME BILL

The English enthusiasm for outdoor sporting activity knows no bounds. Though the Warwickshire Hunter Trials were held in a Force 6 gale on the top of Burton Hill, there was a large gathering of people in snow boots, ratcatcher, and left-overs from Army service—and all of them obviously enjoying themselves.

"People always come here looking like a jumble sale because you can never be sure of the weather," explained Mrs. John Watson to a shivering soul from London. She was helping run the event from a horsebox turned office and every so often emerged to throw her leg over a horse and take it round the formidable course.

A small child on a pony covered with long fur rode up to her father who was sheltering (or hiding?) behind the judges' truck and said: "Daddy, our trailer has got three nails in a back tyre . . . Mummy says could you come and fix it?"

From a baled straw butt Major Peter STARKEY coped with the havor the wind was playing with his loudspeaker by maintaining a pleasant voice and keeping his remarks very much to the point: "Bill, are you mending that fence or just holding a conversation in front of it?"

All this grin and bear it attitude of the English on these occasions cuts no ice with me. In this age of change why not do something about it? And that was just what Mrs. W. W. Hobbs did. She filled her caravan up with food and drink, placed it strategically with a good view of the course, and invited her friends to share its cosy chintz interior.

THE CARDINAL'S DIARY

The speaker who can keep an audience

enthralled for 20 minutes after lunch with a speech that is a mixture of wit, wisdom, and well-turned phrase-and all without reference to a note—is little short of a sensation today. CARDINAL JOHN HEENAN, Archbishop of Westminster, did it at Miss CHRISTINA FOYLE'S luncheon to mark the publication of Pope John's diaries, now heading the best-seller lists. The EARL OF LONGFORD, the Leader of the House of Lords, listened spellbound and afterwards plied the Cardinal with questions. The Cardinal's advice: "Speak slower-most people mistake the pace at which the spoken word can be taken in.'

What is the secret of the Cardinal's success as a speaker? He writes his speeches out in longhand and learns them by heart. He does not know how long it takes but says that he has "noticed" that the older he gets the shorter the time. Does he keep a diary himself? "Not since I was a small boy. People used to find it and read what I was up to. I found that very humiliating so I gave up!"

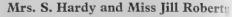
In the issue of 21 April I named Miss Bernice Wulff's fiancé as Mr. Philip Marshall. It should have read Mr. Philip Mansell. My apologies for this inaccuracy.

Floodlights on fashion in a castle setting

Christian Dior's Paris spring and summer collection, created by Marc Bohan, was shown at Warwick Castle in aid of the Council of the Order of St. John for Warwickshire. The medieval castle was floodlit for the occasion

The Mayor of Warwick, Ald. W. L. Tarver, Baronne de Courcel, wife of the French Ambassador, and Lord Willoughby de Broke, Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire and president of the Order of St. John for Warwickshire

Mrs. John Christie at the champagne buffet















Mr. Charles Smith-Ryland, whose wife was chairman of the show, and the Countess of Warwick

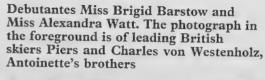
Mr. Marcel Foos of Christian Dior-London, and the Hon. Mrs. Smith-Ryland, chairman of the show

The Marquise de Sales and Mme. B. Picot discussing the show

The skiers gather for cocktails at a coming-out

Baroness von Westenholz gave a cocktail party for her debutante daughter Antoinette at their London home in Albion Street, Hyde Park. Among the guests were several young champion skiers. Antoinette's two brothers were 1964 British Olympic possibles

Mrs. Patrick Dolan, wife of the advertising agency chief, Princess Frederick of Prussia who is Antoinette's godnuther, and Baron & Baroness von Westenholz









Miss Antoinette von Westenholz, for whom the party was given



Miss Gina Hathorn, a member of the British Olympic ski team



Mr. James Norman and his fiancée, Miss Rose Vivian

Hunters under the hammer at Leicester racecourse

More than 100 hunters were auctioned at Leicester racecourse with Mr. David H. Peatch, a director of Warner, Sheppard & Wade, conducting the sale. Many of the horses were privately owned but others were entered by Hunts like the North Cotswold, the Whaddon Chase, the Bedale and the Zetland

Mr. David H. Peatch, a director of the firm who conducted the auction



Mrs. Nigel Pease demonstrating Emma, a grey mare owned by Mrs. Philip Pease





Miss Sally Judd, who hunts with the Whaddon Chase, talking to Mr. Alan Oliver, the international show jumper



Mr. & Mrs. Dorian Williams. He is the Master of the Whaddon Chase Hunt and had seven horses in the sale

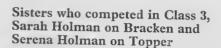


Mrs. Edmund Vestey bidding for Thympan, a chestnut gelding entered by Mr. Norman Crow, M.F.H. Her bid of 1,000 guineas was successful

Accent on youth at the Warwickshire Hunter Trials

The weather and the land might have been specially devised to test the calibre of the youthful riders when the Warwickshire held their hunter trials at Burton Hill Farm, Avon Dassett, near Leamington Spa. It was a well-laid-out course in typical hunting country, and brilliant sunshine alternated with torrential showers. Mr. W. W. Hobbs, owner of Burton Hill Farm, had made his land available for the event

Mrs. R. C. Warlow-Harry, Mrs. Ian Henderson and Mrs. John Watson, three of the organizers, sorting out entries



Miss Elizabeth Beecham competed in Class 2 for children under 17, on her horse Devon. She is the granddaughter of the late Sir Thomas Beecham, Bt.













Miss Andy Colquhoun with Yo-Yo, on which she competed in Class 3, for children under 14

Mr. & Mrs. David Summers were two of the judges

Miss Jane Starkey won Class 2 on Kilmeston Topaz

The curtain falls at Bogside with the Scottish Grand National

Setting since 1867 of the Scottish Grand National, Bogside has with Aintree come under the shadow of the axe. But in Bogside's case it is definite—the course closed with the Scottish Grand National meeting, and next year the big race will be run

at Ayr. But Bogside went out with flags flying. In splendid weather a large crowd from all over Scotland watched Mr. E. D. Grosschalk's Brasher, ridden by J. Fitzgerald, win by two lengths from Happy Arthur, with Union Pacific third

Winning owner Mr. E. D. Grosschalk leads in Brasher, with J. Fitzgerald up



Mrs. Grosschalk holds the Cup won by her husband's horse



Mrs. W. H. Robertson-Aikman, and Miss Sue Hamilton



Miss Susan Turcan with her aunt, Mrs. R. Hutchison-Bradburne, a prominent member of the Fife Hunt



Mr. Reg Tweedy, whose Freddie was second in the Grand National at Aintree, with Mrs. Tweedy



Sir William Anstruther-Gray, Bt., M.P., a steward, with the Hon. Janet Weir, daughter of Viscount Weir

Letter from Scotland

by Jessie Palmer

The Earl of Eglinton & Winton, with his daughter Lady Elizabeth Montgomerie, and the Countess. He was a steward





Mrs. W. W. McHarg. Her husband is Clerk of the Course, and Secretary, at both Bogside and Ayr

About 5,000 racegoers turned out to bid farewell to racing at Bogside, Ayrshire, which ended in April after 151 years. The last race—appropriately the Farewell Handicap Chase—was won by Painted Warrior. Bogside fixtures, it is expected, will now be taken over by Ayr.

Bogside has, of course, been famous for the running of the Scottish Grand National. This time the Irish trained favourite, Fort Leney, was a big disappointment and the race was won by Brasher.

The night before the Bogside finale the Eglinton Hunt held their annual ball at the Hollybush Hotel. There was a link between the two events, for both the ball secretary, Mr. Anthony Collins and one of the joint-Masters of the Hunt, Colonel David Greig, were riding at Bogside. Neither, unfortunately, had much luck; in fact, Colonel Greig suffered a fall. The ball itself was a great success and a very colourful event, with the hunt servants in their hunting pink lending an extra, authentic dash of colour. There were about 150 guests and among those who brought parties were Mr. James Hunter Blair; Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Straker; Colonel & Mrs. Borwick; Mr. & Mrs. Alistair Orr; and Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Collins.

A COLOURFUL DEBUT

Ayrshire had more than its usual share of social events this weekend for, on the evening of the Saturday which saw the end of Bogside, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Hamilton gave a dance for the joint coming-out of Mr. Hamilton's daughter Miss Mary Hamilton, and his stepdaughter Miss Jennifer Wood and for the coming-of-age of his stepson, Mr. David Wood.

There were nearly 300 guests at the dance, which was held at Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton's home, Westercroft, Symington, and in spite of the sudden bitterly cold snap after a week of glorious premature summer, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. One of the rooms had been turned into a night club with medieval-style decor, and two large, gay marquees took care of the supper and the dancing. Flowers throughout the house and in the marquees were exquisitely arranged by Misses Joanna & Carol Pitman from Edinburgh.

Many guests came from the south and a few from as far afield as Barcelona and Canada. Viscountess Weir's party from Montgreenan included her daughter Janet, who is coming out later this year. Mrs. Joan Chrystal; Major & Mrs. Osborne; Mr. & Mrs. Graham Wylie; and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Drew also brought parties. Other guests included Miss Jennifer Bowring; Lady Mary Gaye Curzon; Lady Elizabeth Montgomerie; Miss Catherine Montagu-Douglas-Scott and her brother Thomas; Mr. James Boswell; Mr. David Buchanan Gillespie; Mr. James Hunter Blair; Colonel & Mrs. David Greig; Mr. Bill Turcan and his sister, Miss Sue Turcan; Miss Marion Eton; the Hon. Joe Maclay; Mr. & Mrs. John Greenall; Col. & Mrs. Bryce Knox; Miss E. Derham-Reid; Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Collins; Lord Errington; Mr. John Easthaugh; Mr. David & Miss Sally Hill-Brooks, Lord & Lady MacAndrew; Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Coats (they came from Barcelona); and Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wood who flew from Canada with Miss Lynn Sifton and her brother Jack.

Almost immediately after the ball Mr. David Wood returned south. He is in his second year at Oxford reading geography. Miss Hamilton is doing a secretarial course in London and Miss Wood is about to embark on a course in commercial art, also in London.

PINERO IN THE HIGHLANDS

Pitlochry Festival Theatre opened its 15th annual season last month with Pinero's gay farce *The Magistrate*. Among the distinguished audience which laughed its way through the gala evening were the Duke of Atholl; Lt. Col. & the Hon. Mrs. Campbell Preston; Major & Mrs. David H. Butter; Mr. Tom Fleming, artistic director of the Edinburgh Civic Theatre Trust and himself a well-known actor; and novelist Mr. Neil Paterson and his wife from Crieff. Mr. Paterson did the film script for *Room at the Top*, and is working on a short novel. There are also two or three Hollywood film scripts in the offing but "it's all rather nebulous at present" he told me modestly.

After the play a large number of the audience went along to Knockendarroch House, the home of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ireland, to meet the cast over supper. Mr. Ireland, who is Festival Director and Secretary, tells me that as his wife—actress Moira Lamb—is not acting in any of this season's productions, they will be able to have quite a number of these "at homes" at which audience and actors can meet informally. Everyone seems to think this is a splendid idea.

It has been said quite forcefully by a number of American writers that their country is a matriarchy. But whether that's true or not it's certainly a fact that the Democratic government has been active to elevate women to some pretty important positions in the Department of State. Morris Newcombe, visiting Washington, photographed some of them

WOMEN OUSE WHITE HOUSE



Above: The theatre concerns ZELDA FICHANDLER. She is not actually an employee of the State Department, though most government officials know of and approve her work, for she is producing director of Washington's only resident professional theatre, Arena Stage. Mrs. Fichandler was co-founder of the theatre in 1950 and has guided it through days in a converted cinema and an abandoned brewery to the impressive building where it re-opened in 1961. (The very sight of Arena Stage prompted the late Charles Laughton to launch full voiced into the prologue



from Henry V, while Sir Laurence Olivier visited the theatre to compare it with his own theatre in the round at Chichester.) Mrs. Fichandler and her husband, Tom, who is Executive Director of Arena Stage, have two young sons, Hal and Mark

Above right: Labour is the concern of ESTHER PETERSON. She was appointed Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs and Assistant Secretary for Labour by President Johnson in January 1964. Mrs. Peterson spent 12 years in teaching

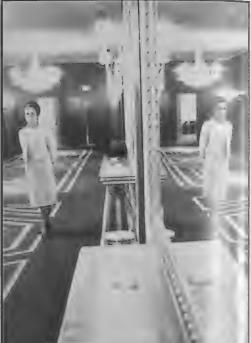
before marrying Oliver A. Peterson, a foreign service officer. He served as labour attaché to Sweden and later Belgium, and while the Petersons lived in Europe she participated in several international conferences, returning to America in 1957. President Kennedy named her Director of the Labour Department Women's Bureau and she also served as executive vice-chairman of the President's Commission on the Status of Women under Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. The Petersons have one daughter, Karen, and three sons, Eric, Iver and Lars



Below: Press relations concern BARBARA GAMAREKIAN. She joined the White House staff with the Kennedy Administration in 1960 and is now an aide in the Press Office, her main responsibility being the preparation and setting up of photographic coverage of White House ceremonies and meetings. She arrived in Washington in 1958 and worked a year and a half with the then Senator Humphrey as a legislative aide in his Senatorial Office, following which she joined the Kennedy Campaign for President effort Below right: Protocol concerns BARBARA BOLLING. Special Assistant to the Chief of Protocol since April of last year, she was one of the first women appointed to a high government post by President Johnson. Now she is also Assistant Chief of Protocol for Women's Activities and Special Events. She is photographed in the gallery adjoining the Regency Ballroom of the 1,100-room

Shoreham Hotel, 10 minutes downtown from Washington D.C. and the scene of many official diplomatic receptions and State functions such as Presidential Inauguration Balls, the most recent being that of President Johnson last November









Above: Veterans administration concerns RUTH S. SUTTLES. She is an employee in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and was one of the recipients of the annual national award bestowed on federal employees for outstanding achievements in economy during 1964. One of 23 employees honoured in the ceremony at Constitution Hall, Washington D.C., she received her award from President Lyndon B. Johnson. Her cost-cutting idea for Veterans Administration Hospitals saves \$63,410 on the annual laundry bill

Above right: Security concerns FRANCES G. KNIGHT. She has been Director of the Passport Office since 1955 and has visited 49 states in America and 42 foreign countries. Miss Knight (in private life Mrs. Wayne Parrish, wife of the publisher) attended schools in France, Austria, Monaco, Czechoslovakia and America and is fluent in French, German and Czechoslovakian. She has worked in administration and economy since she began her government career in 1936. The photograph shows her with her passport in the Shoreham Hotel lobby

opposite page: The Presidential secretariat concerns BESS CLEMENTS ABELL. She has been secretary to Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson since January 1961 and is now Social Secretary for the White House. She graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. She is married to Tyler Abell, Associate General Counsel at the Post Office Department











Left: Community affairs concern KATIE S. LOUCHHEIM. The Department of State has established an office of community advisory services under her direction. It is responsible for the development and implementation of a programme designed to increase contacts between the United States communities and the Foreign Service. Mrs. Louchheim came to the Department in 1961 as a Special Assistant and Consultant on Women's Activities. In January 1962 she was appointed a Deputy Assistant Secretary, the first woman ever to hold that title in the department. and was assigned to the Bureau of Public Affairs. (She was succeeded in this post by Mrs. Charlotte Moton Hubbard. See page 259.) Mrs. Louchheim is also a prolific contributor of articles, book reviews and poetry to newspapers and magazines in America. She is married to Walter C. Louchheim Inr., a private investment counsellor in Washington. They have two married daughters and two grandchildren Far left: Agriculture concerns TRIENAH MEYERS. She is an expe on consumer and industrial opinion research and is Deputy to George L. Mehren, Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Affairs, Department of Agriculture. Miss Meyers (in private life Mrs. Michael Heffter has a social psychology degree from Rutgers University and began her government career during World War II working on civilian attitude studies for the War Department. She is now a recognized authority on public opinion surveys and has also served as a consultant to other Federal and State agencies and to foreign governments. Miss Meyers received a superior service award from the Department of Agriculture in 1952 Left: Public health concerns Dr. LEONA BAUMGARTNER. She was the first woman to serve as health commissioner for New York City and joined the city health department in 1937, remaining almost continuously till 1953, when she resigned to protest against outmoded job restrictions. Since then she has begun a new career in the State Department as assistant administrator for technical co-operation and research in the Agency for International Development. She has fostered the idea that partnership with AID will improve university teaching and research capabilities, and believes passionately that medicine is still poorly organized for chronic needs, insisting: "If we're smart enough to get a man on the moon, we're smart enough to see that everybody has the benefits of modern medical care, to the extent that our resources allow"



Photographs by Bob Brooks









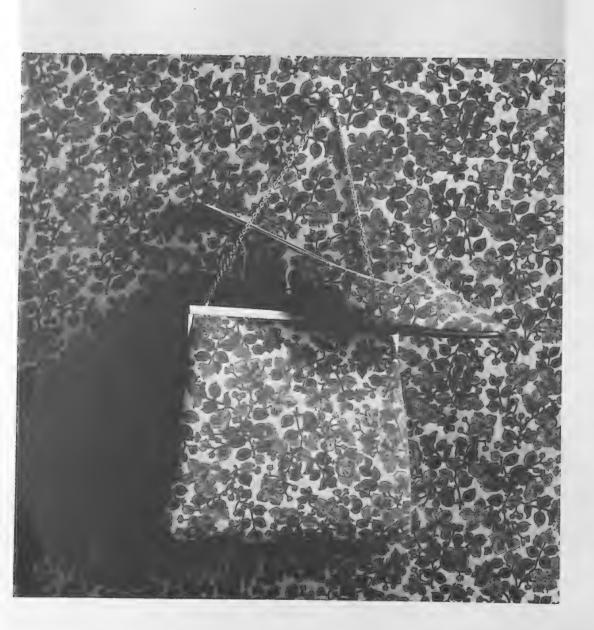






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Hearthsides in these days of built-in heat are tending to disappear altogether, but still the seats get ranged in delicate compliment to that spot where the fireplace used to be. And it's from there that the folk heroes of the 60's are seen to their best advantage. They straddle the television channels in a dozen diverse and basically incredible adventures whose locales may range from darkest Wapping Creek to sun-drenched Zanzibar. Rarely has the suspension of disbelief been managed so adroitly for so long nor been rewarded so richly. The credit for it belongs to the ideas men and the actors, but the most real and cogent reason for its being lies in that deep region of the private mind where every man could be a hero too

HEARTHSIDE EROES

PHOTOGRAPHS BY SALLY SOAMES

LEXANDER DAVION (left) provides the romantic appeal as Chief Detective Inspector David Keen in Gideon's Way, ATV's successful series of roman policiers based on John Creasey's best-selling fictional Scotland Yard Commander. His youthful and outgoing image—Davion is 35adiedly family approach of his superior, offsets the George Giocon, impressively played by West End reen star John Gregson. Locale is set actor and Metropolitan Police area and as such firmly in the owes more Simenon's Maigret than to Fleming's but audiences identify with Davion's James Bor apathizing with his difficulties, applaudcharacter, s es. The man behind the actor was born ing his succ in Paris, ught up in England. Davion early elected to b ome a journalist, but never got beyond ge. Acting began via a R.A.D.A. trainthe tea-box ing that co finated in two years of small parts at Stratford-c won: "mostly carrying spears"; then appearanc n two Olivier productions that took him back Stratford as a juvenile lead. A trip to New York r the Broadway production of The Matchmake. ded in a seven-year stay during which he appear in several films-notably as Chopin in Song Withc End-on TV and finally on Broadway again in P er's The Caretaker. Back in Britain, films and TV c med him again, but he describes his arrival in deon quite frankly: "It's a mystery to me." His o going manner is maintained in private life: "Horn." s where I hang my hat." He likes to play chess to 2 Bach accompaniment, enjoys driving Romeo: "I'm in love with that car." Davion's ampition is to reach the top of his profession and to direct. Meantime his rating stands high among the hearthside heroes

ATRICK McGOOHAN (right) is ATV's intrepid special security agent John Drake in the Danger Man series, first seen in a 30-minute slot some four years ago. Some viewers then considered it a doubtful starter, but when the series was revived as an hour-long programme it quickly became compulsive viewing, established an international reputation for McGoohan and sold itself for a gratifying fee to America. McGoohan wears spectacles in this picture, but not in the series. His image is that of the complete professional with some human moments, a sort of James Bond with heart. Aged 38, he was born in New York, raised in Eire. After war service he worked successively as chicken farmer and bank manager, graduated to the stage via amateur theatricals. He made his West End debut in Serious Charge, later scored a personal success in Brand. Films have included I Am a Camera, The Dam Busters and a memorable performance as the prison officer in Brendan Behan's The Quare Fellow. McGoohan's John Drake is a balanced character, pretty much of a perfectionist, a trait that is also obvious in the actor's private life. Married with three daughters, McGoohan avoids all publicity, drives a family car-Drake in Danger Man confines himself to a Mini-Cooper. He spends much spare time writing, has recently completed a film to be produced next year



OUGLAS WILMER and NIGEL STOCK (he is seen right) in Sherlock Holmes on B.B.C. 1 have probably the most testing and complex roles in the whole canon of television thriller serials. Their task is to recreate—Wilmer as Holmes and Stock as Dr. Watson-two of the best documented and most controversial of fictional characters. Every reader of Conan Doyle carries a mental picture of the don of Baker Street and here Wilmer scores a high mark, since his appearance so much resembles the saturnine figure with deerstalker hat, Inverness cape and curved pipe that has decorated so many dust jackets over the last 60 years. The same held true of other stage Sherlocks-Gillette and Rathbone among them-but Wilmer carries the role into a new dimension, helped along the way by a

craftsmanlike professionalism in production and staging and the valiant support of Mr. Stock, who notably avoids the cardinal mistake of making Watson a bumbling fool. There is a friendly relationship between the two men, and both are actors of immense experience. Wilmer, 45, London-born, has a long line of plays and films to his credit, he is also a radio actor of note. He admits to a fascination with the character of Holmes, is constantly seeking new ways to interpret the role. Stock, born in Malta in 1919, has a personal life in keeping with the quiet character of Watson—he enjoys bird watching and stamp collecting, also writes plays and short stories. His performances in plays and films fill a long list. Both men are married and live in London. The Stocks have two children

IANA RIGG is the new girl in A.B.C. television's The Avengers. Viewers will have the chance to judge her performance when the programme returns in the autumn. Miss Rigg, born 26 years ago in Doncaster, replaces the redoubtable Honor Blackman, who left the series to become lames Bond's girl friend in the film of Goldfinger. Miss Blackman was a judo expert: as Cathy Gale in The Avengers, she was liable to put on black fighting leathers for rough and tumble sequences. Something of the same sort is planned for Miss Rigg in her role as Emma Peel and she'll have the same leading man since plainly The Avengers could never be the same without the immaculately tailored Mr. Patrick

McNee as special agent John Steed. The Avengers is a special kind of programme and much of its success may lie in the fact that it treats its viewers as special people-intelligent ones that is. Certainly the show convinces while it's on, even though most of its episodes are frankly incredible. Miss Rigg trained at R.A.D.A. and worked as a model before winning repertory assignments. She has played classical and modern roles for the Royal Shakespeare Company both at Stratford and the Aldwych Theatre, scoring a personal success in A Comedy of Errors, which was given a special Royal Performance at Windsor Castle. TV roles for A.B.C. and Granada led to the screen test for Emma Peel in The Avengers





AMES BOLAM and RODNEY BEWES-he's the chubby one—are The Likely Lads on B.B.C. 1. The series began as one of the more promising items on the Corporation's initially disappointing second channel; has now graduated to the first with enormous success. The Likely Lads project an image that is endearing rather than heroic. They are beery, sceptical, irreverent, basically at odds with Establishment things and people, yet curiously innocent in their approach to life. The locale is Northern industrial, the casting near life-Bolam was born in Sunderland, Bewes in Bingley. Both are aged 26; they met for the first time when the series started; have

since become close friends. In the show Bolam plays the tougher, more tearaway character. He came to acting through the Central School of Drama, later made his mark in The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner. Bewes began at R.A.D.A., admits he got thrown out for not working. Experience in the theatre with plays like Pinter's A Night Out and in films with Billy Liar paved the way for his series character. Off-screen, both men are easy-going and amiable; the chances are that they are playing facets of themselves in The Likely Lads; a circumstance that contributes highly to the success of the programme they appear in



on plays

Pat Wallace/The tense remains correct

There are so many things to be said about Mr. Noël Coward's Present Laughter, first produced in the early 40s and now entering on a fresh London season. Perhaps the first is that it is an indestructibly good comedy. It is not dated. It is not a period piece which necessarily has to be dressed in comic, low-slung fashions. It is a very funny play which, as far as my crystal ball and I can foretell, will continue to be so each time it is produced. Revival is not quite the word for such productions since it argues a form of resuscitation or, at the very least, an inanimate body in need of a whiff of som thing sharp and new. it seems like a good Whene* idea to ow Present Laughter to adience—or to a faitha fresh one-all it needs is ful ole at direction and no intellig dusting off at all.

In th new showing at the Globe ! eatre it is directed by Mr. N el Patrick who also plays Coward's original role at who, demonstrably, cute understanding of has an the pac and the mood that the ands, for this is not a play d. farce b high comedy and must be ken up to that standard. The si tations which it illustrates telong to no particular the theatre's developtime in ment and apply as well to the sixties as to the thirties. Backstage reays are, traditionally, seldom successful, but in this case the playwright wrote a comedy at one remove from the dressing room and rehearsal; he wrote about the professional life, inextricably mixed with the private life, of the creative man himself; of managements, of the business of finding the right theatre and of all the preliminary stages of reconciling the intensely personal with the technical.

Garry Essendine is an actorplaywright-producer. He has written a new play and assumes that the first steps towards its staging will be undertaken by the faithful group of experts who are also his constant friends, and who are themselves highly professional people. His superbly laconic and unemotional secretary, Monica, is a member of the team and so, less conventionally, is his wife, Liz, who in domestic matters is separated from him but who remains a loving friend. Garry himself is about to leave on an extended tour of South Africa, his horizon only faintly clouded by the incidence of young female admirers who, to a girl, have a habit of forgetting their own latchkeys and being obliged to spend the night in his convenient spare room. (These young ladies are generally stage-struck as well as being moony about him and are obviously the source of a song about a Mrs. Worthington.)

Garry also suffers, as do most successful men, from the unwelcome attention of cranks; one of these, a young Mr. Maule, is as persistent as a burr, arriving at Garry's flat at exquisitely ill-chosen moments and sticking around to observe his hero in action during all kinds of crises which include the activities of equally determined femmes fatales, a cheeky ex-steward butler and a Scandinavian housekeeper with a leaning towards spiritualist seances. Garry's life in its dayto-day sense is therefore neither a peaceful nor an ordinary one; simply an existence in which he thrives and which he dominates through a blend of charm, genuine affection and implacable egotism. It also provides the occasion for some of the funniest lines currently to be heard on an English stage.

In the end, when the combined pressures of importunate fans and determined females threaten not only his peace of mind but his living arrangements, his interest reverts to his only true passion, his work, and the final curtain falls on a hectic but essentially workmanlike discussion of the ways and means by which his new play will reach an appropriate casting and production.

Mr. Nigel Patrick's Garry is as crisp as a biscuit and his timing impeccable. In all but his most distraught scenes he measures up excellently to the example his predecessor set him, and Miss Phyllis Calvert as Liz has a calm authority as well as her natural beauty to recommend her performance. I wasn't as happy about Miss Maxine Audley's lady of fashion and dark designs but Mr. Richard Briers has a fine time with the part of the irrepressible fan and Miss Avice Landon could scarcely be bettered as the rocklike secretary with her own brand of objective loyalty. In four simple words, I enjoyed myself enormously and that, surely, is not one of the smallest aims in theatre-going?



Michael Malnick as Jack Blessington and Sheree Winton as Miss L'Arrière in The Solid Gold Cadillac at the Saville Theatre

Elspeth Grant/Strangelove revisaged

The essential difference between Dr. Strangelove and Fail Safe is not that the former is a black comedy and the latter (if you'll forgive the expression) dead straight but that in the one it's a crazy human being who's the cause of an unauthorized nuclear attack on Moscow while in the other the whole ghastly incident is the result of a minor mechanical fault in the electronic system controlling the activities of the U.S. Air Force. The cussedness of inanimate objects is something in which I believe (fearfully) so I should have been more shattered by Sidney Lumet's film than by Stanley Kubrick's-but I wasn't.

Early on, Fail Safe makes very heavy weather of establishing the leading characters. Walter Matthau, a ruthless political scientist, makes drawing room small-talk of 60 million people being the number we should be prepared to sacrifice in the car se of anti-Communism: when a fascinated young woman makes a pass at him he fetches her a smart clip across the chopswhich probably proves something, though I couldn't say what.

Handsome Dan O'Herlihy, an idealistic U.S. Air Force general, is shown to be a devoted husband and father who suffers from recurrent nightmares about bull-fighting -the significance of which eluded me. Highly strung Fritz Weaver, a young colonel, has parent trouble, it is revealed: his father, a caretaker, gets fighting drunk and his mother screams like a peacock—and what this has to do with the story I simply don't know.

The rest of the film is cluttered with loads of (to me) incomprehensible technical jargon and the admittedly hair-raising ending is marred by the implausible arguments and sentimental asides leading up to it. The film, solemn and well-meaning, leaves one glum and irritated-whereas Dr. Strangelove, wickedly provocative and as funny as the grin on a skull, sent one seething

from the cinema, asking oneself what the hell there was to laugh at in the prospect of the total annihilation of the human race: it was infinitely more shocking—and memorable than this latest, long-faced, discussion of the same subject.

Six U.S. planes, despatched by a momentarily demented computer thing to drop two 20-megaton bombs on Moscow. cannot be recalled because the Russians have a new, superefficient means of jamming radio communication. The Pentagon is in a flap—and near hysteria sets in when the President of the United States (a fine, harassed performance by Henry Fonda) orders out U.S. fighters to intercept and shoot down the bombers. They fail—and all crash into the sea

The President reaches for the hot line to Moscow, to explain to the Russian "Premeer" that a dreadful mistake has been made and to beg him have the U.S. bombers shot down before they reach their target. The Russians do their best, but through a fault in their overmechanized military set-up, can't prevent one bomber from slipping through their defences.

What can the President do now, poor thing, to demonstrate beyond all possible doubt that no act of aggression was intended? Only, it seems, promise that if Moscow is wiped out he'll have New York similarly obliterated-by U.S. bombs dropped by U.S. planes. Some aghast character at the Pentagon asks "Doesn't the President know his wife's in New York?"—and grimly the Secretary for Defence replies, "He knows." So, when the President is forced to keep his promise, we're presumably meant to shed a tear for the First Lady -slain, along with unsuspecting millions, in the cause of international politics.

The curt scenes of destruction with which the film ends are

extraordinarily telling-Mr. Lumet has made them look like shots from some terrifying documentary-but they didn't persuade me to swallow Walter Bernstein's screenplay (based on the novel by Eugene Burdick and Harvey Wheeler) whole. Why, I wonder, bomb New York? Since Washington, like Moscow, is the national seat of government, surely it would have been fairer to bomb Washington? I think that's what the Russians should have insisted upon. I wouldn't for the world have anything beastly happen to dear Mr. Fonda: I'd have let him skip, like the Russian Premier, to a place of safety before the disaster-so that they could continue to discuss, in sweetest reasonableness, the possibility of their two great countries getting together peaceably instead of waving nuclear threats at one another all the time.

Melvin Frank's Strange Bedfellows is a slickly directed American comedy (with a London setting) about an American business executive's frantic efforts to win back his estranged wife—not because he loves her but because his advancement depends upon his having an impeccable domestic background. He is Rock Hudson, oddly humourless-she is Gina Lollobrigida, who can throw a tantrum a fair treat but can't, as far as I'm concerned, raise a smile.

Never mind. The script, by Melvin Frank and Michael Pertwee, is bright, brisk and full of happy twists and gagsa cross-talk act by two taxidrivers over their cabradios and a little interlude in which Terry-Thomas figures as an undertaker are particularly hilarious. Gig Young, as Mr. Hudson's lawyer, and Edward Judd, as Miss Lollobrigida's resourceful lover, have all the wit and sparkle that are so sadly lacking in the stars. So see it, anyway.



Terry-Thomas, a notable British success in the world of American films and TV, plays an undertaker in U-I's Strange Bedfellows, reviewed above. Two other British comedians, Arthur Haynes and Dave King, make their Hollywood débuts in the film.



Yvonne Antrobus and Barrie Ingham play Queen Dyoni and Kirq Alydon, two of the gentle Thals, in Dr. Who and the Daleks, based in the BBC TV serial now being filmed at Shepperton. Peter Cushing plass: Dr. Who, the part created on television by William Hartnell

on books

Oliver Warner / Pedigree publications

It is so rarely that one can enthuse whole-heartedly either about official publications or about contemporary colour work, that I welcome with a cheer four booklets that have recently come from the British Museum. They are short paperbacks on subjects so varied that I list them in what I guess may be their order of popularity: Jewellery from Classical Lands by Reynold Higgins; Early Gothic Illuminated Manuscripts by D. H. Turner with a glorious reproduction from the Oscott Psalter; Commonwealth Stamp Design 1840-1965 by James A. Mackay with a potted history of how stamps are and have been produced, and Viking Coins by Michael Dolley. The Museum sells these booklets at 5s. each, and the first two items have been printed at the University Press, Oxford. This is pedigree stuff, wonderfully concise and readable, and for once I am sorry that the colour plates do not extend beyond the jewellery and the manuscripts.

The Sun of Death by Pandelis Prevalakis (Murray 16s.) is about a Cretan boy of 14 whose world falls apart on the death of his father. His aunt Rousaki comes to the rescue and takes him back to her village. From the moment Yorgaki, the boy, finds himself

on the back of a donkey leaving his home town, he begi s to discover a new world, for Rousaki is one of those magical people, alive to her finger tips, who has the capacity for aclight in the smallest things. Her country fables seem to make nature personal, and Yorgaki is soon absorbed into a new life. It is not all plain sailing for the lad, but such is the love and vitality in Rousaki that I rate her as one of the most memorable aunts in modern fiction. The author is himself a Cretan, and he has been well served by his translator, Philip Sherrard.

If John Stewart Carter, author of Full Fathom Five (Collins 21s.), were British rather than American, the thesis writers could well be noting him as "important" on the strength of this novel, and I think they could be right. It is a study of a rich and ramified American family, the story told in the form of a selfexploration and discovery by one of its members. The plot is too complex to summarize, but writing and characterization are exciting enough to warrant attention, and the background includes Europe.

The Big Time by Vernon Scannell (Longmans 18s.) is a novel about boxing. The story relates incidents in the build-

Authoritative works on clocks and watches are irresistible to one who lives surrounded, as I do, by ticking instruments. Cecil Clutton and George Daniels, in their Watches (Batsford, 7 guineas) have produced a work that goes into expert detail about that great period from 1780 to 1830, and which is good all through, covering both Europe and America. If in despair at what to give a male collector, this well could be the answer. It might even start somethingperhaps a neglected watch—for the second of the two authors is an expert restorer.

When Hitler exploded into Russia, in 1941, Alan Clark, the author of Barbarossa (Hutchinson 63s.) had not yet gone to Eton. Since he began writing he has published studies of a seern phase of World War I, and of the fall of Crete in World War II. This is his

longest, fullest and grimmest study, if only through the immense numbers involved on either side, and the vast territory devastated. As if the text were not enough, a series of action photographs convey all too well the atmosphere of this stupefying conflict.

Briefly . . . in The Summer of Sir Lancelot by Richard Gordon (Heinemann 16s.) the author takes his bearded surgical monster back to St. Swithin's Hospital, from which he had retired to fish. It is merry enough, though I am among those who find Sir L. better on the films than on the page . . . Three interesting Penguins: The Diary of a Nobody by George and Weedon Grossmith (3s. 6d.) seems to me as good as it was in 1892, when it amused the world first . Ludovic Kennedy's The Trial of Stephen Ward (5s.) is a feast of sensation, all true and all, in the last analysis, sad . . . E. S. Turner's The Shocking History of Advertising (5s.) does nothing to belie its title, and the glib advertising profession would need all its gift of the gab to correct that impression of varying perversion that centuries of blah have produced . . . Robert and Christine Turner's Information Here: the Reference Book for Every Home (Pelham Books 6s.) is valuable not for direct information so much as for addresses of where to find out, and for its book lists.

on records

Spike Hughes / Resisting the obvious

The neatest trick of the year has surely been accomplished: a recital of French piano music and a recital of French songs, representing altogether 10 French composers, and neither record containing a note of Debussy. Which at any rate shows that there are as many fish in the French musical sea as ever came out of it. Artur Rubinstein's recital, A French Programme (RCA—one record, mono only), consists of Ravel, Poulenc, Fauré and Chabrier. Ravel's set of Valses Nobles et Sentimentales is the most substantial, and perhaps the best known, item in a programme of music that is refreshingly unhackneyed — especially the three charming Mouvements Perpetuels by Poulenc. It is a most attractive record altogether by a Paris resident whose widely catholic taste I first encountered in the famous Boîte des Matelots. Rubinstein sat there goggleeared listening to jazz played by Billy Munn, Jack Hylton's pianist, and then to Chopin nocturnes played with fantastic virtuosity by a guitarist. It was an enthralling night out.

The record called simply French Song Recital by Gérard Souzay (Philips-mono and stereo) consists of 20 songs of immense variety and as characteristic as you could wish of composers ranging from Gounod, Chabrier, Bizet, Franck, Roussel and Fauré, to Ravel, Hahn, Leguerney and Poulenc. It is a fine cross section of that wonderfully rich heritage of French songwriting that we're at last beginning to know from gramophone records. M. Souzay sings seven languages; next month he sings Italian at Glyndebourne for the first time, as the Count in Figaro.

Because Paris has always been so thoroughly sung about by its popular songwriters, "serious" French composers have never taken a very romantic view of their capital city. Paris, to them, means the music of circuses and cabarets. It has been left to foreigners like Puccini and Delius to take panoramic shots of Paris in colour. Delius's Paris takes up one side of this mono-only Ace of Clubs recording of three of his French-inspired pieces. The other two, In a Summer Garden and Summer Night on the River, are so full of the temperate halftones of the English countryside that it is difficult to believe they were inspired by the garden and the river Loing at his home in Fontainebleau where he lived for 40 years or more. To me, who does not care overmuch for Delius in his English pastoral moods, Paris has always been the work of his I have liked best. It goes on a bit long, but it is evocative and effective. It is also rhythmically much more vigorous than most of Delius.

I am always greatly relieved when a record company has the courage to do the obvious and not couple composer A with composer B on the same record just because—they think—if we like A we're bound to like B. CBS rightly conclude that we'd prefer Prokofiev's First and Second Violin Concertos on the same record (mono and stereo) instead of backing one with Mendelssohn, the other with Bruch or Mozart, which is what has happened hitherto. Isaac Stern plays them both superbly, with a great feeling for the strongly-developed lyrical element as well as sailing happily through the technical difficulties of two works which I find increasingly attractive at each hearing.

Though now and then Bartok's music gets put into a bin with such alien corn as Hindemith and Stravinsky, on the whole it is allowed to lead an independent segregated life on records. One result of this is the immense variety of Bartok one is offered. The London-Globe record Music Bartok (mono only) includes, for instance, the first recording of no fewer than 18 of the composer's 44 Duos for Violin. These are a collection of short, wonderfully characteristic and ingeniously treated Hungarian and Rumanian tunes, mostly dances, but including one or two charming lyrical pieces. The fill-up is Contrasts, the trio for piano, violin and clarinet commissioned by Benny Goodman, who first played and recorded it with Szigeti and Bartok. This is the third recording of the piece in the current catalogues, which must make it almost a pop. Three Belgians play it with remarkable ease: Gaby Altmann on her violin, Pierre Bulte on his clarinet and Jean Louel on his piano. (Another Belgian, Jean-Louis Lardinois, helps Mlle. Altmann out in the Duos.) The original Bartok-Goodman-Szigeti recording, made in 1940, is also on an LP, but only in Francea collector's piece for anybody, as it includes Bartok playing thirty-two of his Mikrokosmos studies.

In spite of the juke box and the transistor (or beach) radio, the popular music of the Mediterranean survives surprisingly well, even in the tourist belts. Argo has published a fine album called Sicily in Music and Song (mono only) consisting of field recordings by James McNeish made in Sicily not long ago. It is a fascinating anthology from the least-known musical corner of Europe - sinister, charming, lively, sometimes unbelievably Oriental. There is an equally captivating companion album called Greece in Music and Song (Argo

on galleries

Robert Wraight / The restless genius

Just when I felt that I would scream if I saw another new book on Picasso, there arrived on my desk last month Picasso at Work (W. H. Allen, 6 gns.), a picture book with a number of important differences. It is not a book of inadequate reproductions of Picasso's paintings. It is not a book of reproductions at all. It is not a book churned out simply because Picasso is a good selling line. It is not a book produced

in a hurry by someone who met Picasso for five minutes and could not wait to cash in on his luck. It is a book that had to be produced because the material had accumulated and its merit demanded that it be published. It is a book that, solely through the medium of photography, tells us, better than could 100,000 words, what makes Picasso tick-and keep on ticking.

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The author is photographer Edward Quinn, a gentle, modest Irishman (if that is possible) who lives in Nice and with whom, incidentally, I have had the pleasure of working, in the South of France, on art stories for the Tatler. It goes without saying that Quinn is a very fine photographer, but he is also essentially a "Press" photographer as distinct from a so-called "creative" photographer. He uses his camera to report what he finds. This is the strength of his book, which is a distillation from thousands of photographs taken, usually with publication in magazines or newspapers in mind, over a period of more than 13 years.

All his pictures have the ring of truth. There is nothing contrived about even the most beautifully composed and dramatically lit of them. In so far as he composes his shots in the viewfinder and edits them in the printing process he is himself an artist, but he is never "arty." He never loses sight of the fact that his job is to tell us about Picasso and not about himself. That he has been able to do this better than any other photographer is largely due to the fact that he won Picasso's confidence from the start and with it the privilege of photographing him with almost complete freedom.

The book, which has an introduction and picture captions by Roland Penrose, covers the periods during which the artist has worked and lived at Vallauris, at "La Californie" in Super Cannes, at the Château de Vauvenargues,

and at Mougins. It includes a remarkable sequence, taken during the filming of Clouzot's Le Mystère Picasso, showing the production of a painting, La Garoupe, by an extraordinarily involved and eventful process of addition and subtraction, trial and error. But the most revealing and fascinating photographs are those in which Picasso is seen at work or at play amid the housewife's nightmare of clutter with which he rapidly surrounds himself wherever he is.

One notices with surprise the name "Picasso" embroidered on his shirt and the newspaper cutting of a picture of himself, the Player's cigarette packet, the musical instruments, the Sherlock Holmes hat, the child's ball, the walking-stick, the bicycle saddle, the champagne-bottle table lamp, the miscellanea unlimited that lie mixed up with his working materials and with his drawings and paintings.

Each room in his home is a workshop, a place where his ceaselessly active imagination feeds. The restlessness of his genius somehow invades almost every page of Quinn's book so that simply to look through it is to experience something of that mixture of exhilaration and exhaustion that, according to so many of his friends and acquaintances, follows an hour or two in his company.

I have left too little space here to do justice to an excellent exhibition of posters at Lords Gallery (opposite Lord's cricket ground) where, two years ago, a similar show



Bonnard's delightful Cycles Papillon in the Lords Gallery exhibition

aroused unexpectedly widespread interest. Then the period covered was 1890-1920, this time it extends to 1940 and, in one or two examples, goes back before 1890. Lautrec, Bonnard, Anquetin, Steinlen, Mucha, Beardsley, William Nicholson and McKnight Kauffer are among those represented, but there are many very interesting, curious and amusing things by lesser artists.

DININGIN

Helen Burke/Here we come gathering

Nuts are available all the year round now; and, in May or any other time, will remain in excellent condition if kept in cold storage. I store all nuts in the refrigerator, and have kept pistachios (almost worth their weight in gold) for as long as five years. There are many dishes, both savoury and sweet, in which nuts can be used to advantage and introduce variety. TRUITES AMANDINES is timely. Ask the fishmonger to draw the trout through the gills because, being fragile, they need the support of the complete belly skin. If unbroken, they will also look better when served.

Wash and wipe the trout.

Sprinkle with salt and a little pepper, roll in flour and gently fry on both sides in clarified butter, butter and a little vegetable oil, or in peanut oil. This is for truite meunière, which is the beginning of truites amandines. Drain the fish. Meanwhile, allow for each trout ½ oz. (or more) of blanched almonds or, better, flaked or shredded almonds. Fry them gently in an equal weight of butter until just golden. Pour them and their butter over the trout and serve. With one 5- to 7-oz. trout each, this makes a delicious first course.

CHICKEN AND CASHEW NUTS is a Chinese dish in which almonds could replace cashews. Indeed, I am not at all sure but that almonds were originally used. Have everything ready in advance so that the cooking can be carried out without interruption.

Skin the breasts of two young birds and cut them into thin strips on the bias. Mix together an egg white and a dessertspoon of cornflour. Add the chicken pieces and work them together with the fingertips until entirely coated.

Heat ½ pint of peanut oil in a frying-pan. Add the 4 to 6 oz. cashew nuts and toss them about to heat them through. (Remember cashews have already been roasted and are seasoned.) Transfer them to a heated dish and keep hot.

Fry the 2 crushed slices of green ginger in the same pan until golden, then flick them out. Add the chicken pieces to the same pan and cook them over a fairly high heat for 3 to 4 minutes or until they have

taken on a pale golden tone. Pour off any oil. Now add a dessertspoon of sherry, a small teaspoon of sugar and a dessertspoon of soy sauce and toss the pieces of chicken in the mixture to coat them well. Return the nuts to the

Add 1 pint of chicken stock and a pinch of Ve-Tsin (monosodium glutamate) and bring to the boil. Taste and, if necessary, add salt. Lastly, blend a teaspoon of cornflour with a tablespoon of water. Stir it into the other mixture, bring to the boil and boil for a minute. Turn into a heated dish and serve. If blanched almonds are used instead of cashews, fry them to a golden brown in the oil in the first place before proceeding as above.

With this dish, serve plainly boiled rice or, if you like it, fried rice, allowing 2 oz. per person.

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Good Looks by Evelyn Forbes

When the looking glass is cruel, and frank spring sunshine reveals unsuspected facial lines, it's time to take action. To banish the blues, you want an immediate lift, a new hair-do, a hair colour treatment, an exciting new make-up or a relaxing wax bath and massage.

A long-term rejuvenation plan is also necessary. It is always easier to be done by than to do, so enlist expert help if possible, but if time or money is short here are some do-it-yourself ideas. Begin by planning a lazy day in bed on a liquid diet: orange juice, lemon water, tomato juice or clear vegetable broth. During this day of rest make some important promises to yourself.

1. Have an extra hour's sleep at night and an hour's feet-up rest once a day 2. Have one starch-free meal each day; for example, a luncheon of green salad with cottage cheese and an apple or orange or a dinner of grilled steak, tomato and black coffee

3. Take the juice of half a lemon or its equivalent in bottled lemon juice in water each day, preferably first thing in the morning, and some form of vitamin B (wheat germ or Brewer's Yeast).

4. Return to that childhood habit of hair brushing—100 strokes from hair lines to crown, head bent to bring the blood to the scalp.

5. Add to your bedtime routine of cleanse, tone and nourish, a preparation, the choice of which depends upon your special needs. For texture and clarity, a lotion to be painted over the face twice a week; to re-mould the contours, a firming lotion; for general rejuvenation, a hormone cream.

6. Pay special attention to these three danger points: the skin round the eyes, the throat and the hands. In the group of preparations shown below there are preparations designed to ward off ageing signs.

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MALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS



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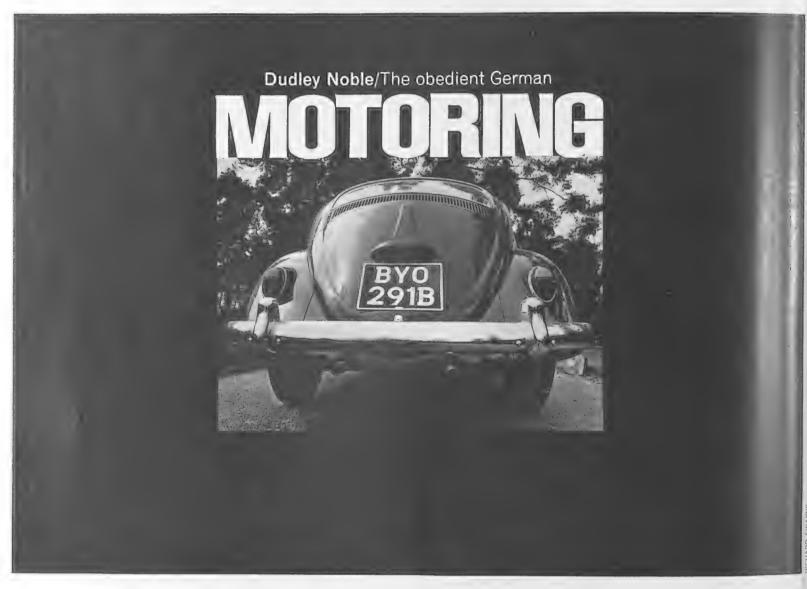
To anyone who is not among the six million Volkswagen buyers it is difficult to understand the lure of a car that keeps such a high resale value even after running thousands of miles. It is not pretty in the modern sense; neither does it have a particularly good performance, nor is it unusually roomy or comfortable. The back position of its air cooled and therefore rather noisy engine has a somewhat adverse effect on the car's handling in a strong side wind or with a heavy load.

about this top speed: the engine seems so lively when it is accelerating on one of the lower gears (there are four, all with synchromesh), yet when the speedometer gets to 70 there is nothing, save perhaps a following wind, that will persuade it to turn over any faster. This is deliberate policy on the part of the makers: they have designed it to develop maximum power (34 b.h.p.) at comparatively low revs (3,600) and have made the top gear very high-almost like an overdrive-so that when a road speed of 70 m.p.h. is

driving position thoroughly comfortable; the pedals were offset in a rather odd way and my left foot tended to slip off the clutch. Also, the gearlever had to be reached for, and after the run my back paid me out for this—I am inclined to measure car comfort by the aches or lack of them that ensue.

The Volkswagen is built up on a raft-like centre structure made of welded steel pressings, with a centre backbone that looks, inside the car, like the conventional propeller shaft unlike the stolid water-cooled one. Hence the control levers for the heater have to be operated with some frequency all the time the car is on the move in chilly weather. One good point was that, though the hot air has been used for circulating around the cylinders, no oily smell found its way into the car that I tested. At the same time, there is no ventilating system other than the old original one of opening the windows.

Room in the back seats is very limited and the body is,



But it has many excellent qualities, this VW "Beetle," plus a wonderful reputation for reliability, low cost servicing and high standard of finish. These advantages evidently influence many people and help cancel out such faults as it has. I renewed my acquaintanceship with the model recently, driving it over a route I know very well and, in spite of the VW having a maximum speed of only a fraction over 70 m.p.h., I covered the 200-mile journey in as good time as I have ever done.

There is a curious feeling

reached the engine is doing all it is meant to do and, being an obedient German, that is that.

One can cruise along at this top speed indefinitely without any fear of things blowing up inside and, because the designers have made the compression ratio a low one (7 to 1), the engine will accept the cheapest grade of petrol without a murmur.

I got an average of 30 m.p.g. during my test run, and if I had driven a little less strenuously this would probably have risen to 35 or more. I cannot say that I found the

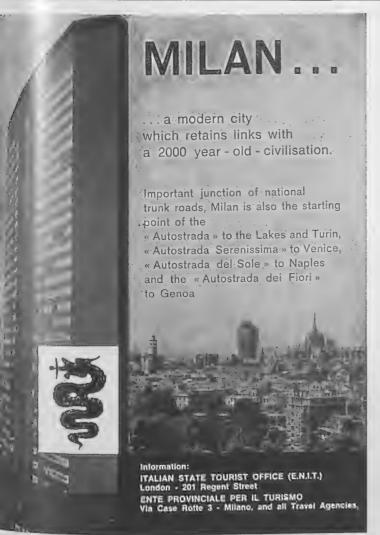
tunnel. As, however, the rearmounted 1,200 c.c. "flat" four-cylinder engine drives the back wheels, there is no such need for this and it is used as a housing for the gear change and handbrake mechanism, and also for the duct that brings hot air into the car.

The cooling breeze forced around the cylinders by a high speed fan serves as the heating medium, and varies its temperature rather quickly by reason of the fact that an air-cooled engine changes from cold to hot and back to cool with variations of load and speed,

of course, only a two-door. Luggage space under the "bonnet" (which also accommodates the spare wheel) is fair, but there is also some more behind the back seats inside the car. A glovebox on the facia panel held a few small objects, but one risked damage to fingernails in opening the lid of it.

But, all these little things apart, the Volkswagen "Beetle" is a phenomenon and such a familiar part of the international landscape that it seems timeless. Can its progress ever be halted?





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ANTIQUES

Small netsuke or toggles were a necessity for the Japanese as their dress had no pockets and all impedimenta had to be kept in a small receptacle, or inro, that was suspended on a cord and knotted through a netsuke.

Certainly the Japanese used great skill in making these netsuke, but little is known of their beginnings and probably the first most reliable source is a book published in 1781 called Soken Kisho which shows that netsuke were brought from China where they may have been made originally. Few early pieces were signed and

most were made in ivory—especially those from Tokyo and Kyoto. Other centres chose to use wood.

The art of making netsuke reached its zenith at the end of the 18th century when they were designed in the simplest styles, the artists going to endless trouble to ensure that no detail overwhelmed another and that the netsuke had rounded edges and no projections that might catch or tear the dress. Of course, each netsuke has holes through which the cord passes, one larger than the other to prevent the knot slipping, but in some

instances the design naturally calls for a hole and then only one other is added.

Over 2,000 artists are known to have worked in this medium, and the field of subjects portrayed is extremely large, so anyone starting a collection must weigh several points. For instance, the workmanship has great bearing on the value of a piece, as well as its date and the fact that it has no chips or breaks and, last, but not least, the signature, but personal preference must also play a considerable part.

By courtesy of Douglas J. K. Wright, of London, S.W.1, I am able to reproduce below several charming examples of the art which greatly tempt me to start my own netsuke hunt. The very finely carved figure of a seated Hotei (far left) is in an

a fan squats on his shoulders. Hotei is one of the Seven Gods of Good Fortune and represents Happiness and Plenty. He is also known as the God of Children and is always found with small groups of boys and, though they are obviously teasing him, he is never portrayed other than with a smile. This Hotei was made in the 18th century. Another netsuke, of the 19th century (centre left), is signed Tomochika, who based the carving upon the story of Hana Saka Jiji. This tells of a man whose dog led him to treasure by sniffing in his garden. When the jealous neighbours heard of his good fortune they borrowed the dog to have the same luck, but the dog only led them to smelling offal, so they killed it in rage. The dog then appeared to his master in ghost form and continued to lead him to other treasures. It is thought that the figure is the artist himself with his dog beside him. The netsuke (right) was probably made in the second half of the 19th century and is a rare subject depicting a seated baby owl. This is an extremely fine piece with excellent details such as the eyes and the featherwork.

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open robe, while a boy holding





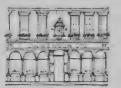




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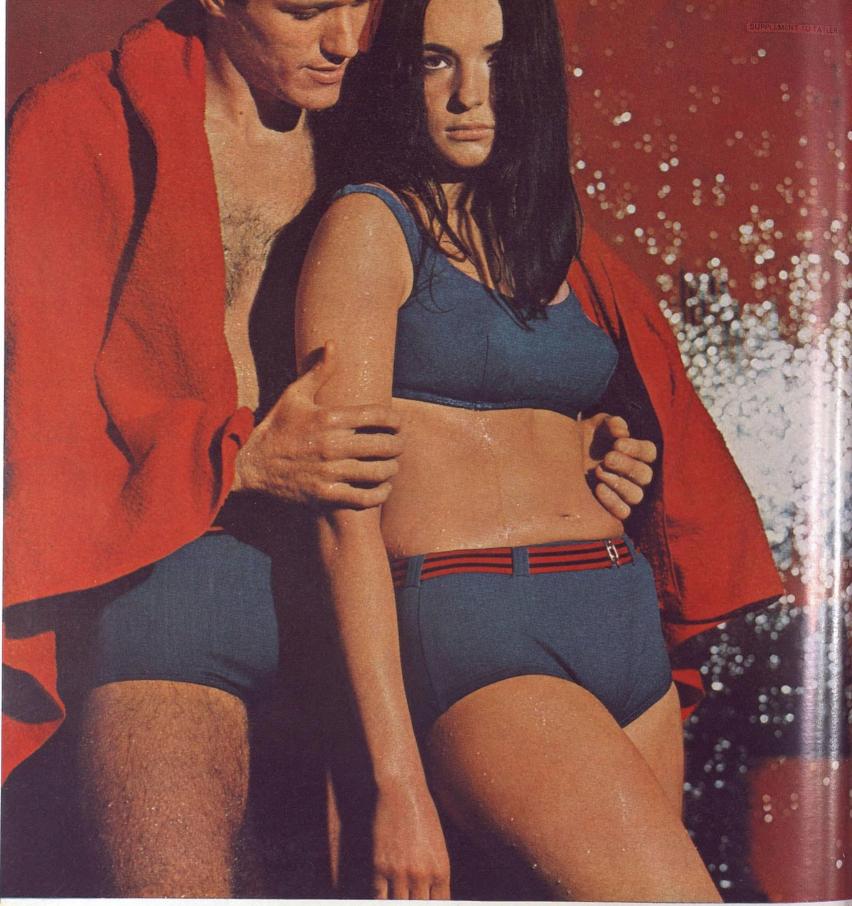
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